

Date	Speaker	Topic
09/01/2019		<i>First session moved to 20/02/2019.</i>
16/01/2019	Matt Bothwell <i>Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge</i>	"Big bangs and big rips — a history of 20th century cosmology" <i>The 20th Century saw an unprecedented transformation in our understanding of the Universe. I will talk about the discoveries and debates that defined the birth of modern cosmology.</i>
23/01/2019	Geoff Harvey <i>District Councillor, Balsham</i>	Whither politics? <i>Where will the next generation of politicians come from? Can they match up to the standards set by our elder statesmen?</i>
30/01/2019	Prof. J.G. Daugman <i>Professor of Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, University of Cambridge</i>	"Artificial Intelligence and Personal Identity" <i>Brains and computers have been metaphors for each other since the middle of the last century. Recent developments of seriously competent Artificial Intelligence have recalled for some an older spectre of the Cyborg, with its dark undertones: in Mary Shelley's gothic novel, the creature says to Dr Frankenstein: "You are my creator. But I am your master." This talk aims to explore various aspects of personal identity in the new age of AI.</i>
06/02/2019	Revd Iain McColl <i>Priest-in-Charge (Rector Designate) of the Granta Vale group</i>	<i>Our new (in April 2018) vicar, Iain, will speak about the motivation for his transition from Corporate Lawyer to Priest-in-Charge of seven Parish Churches, including those of Great and Little Abington and Hildersham.</i>
13/02/2019	Alexander Massman <i>Faculty of Divinity University of Cambridge</i>	Evolution and Theology
20/02/2019	Revd Prof. Alastair Coles (tbc) <i>Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Cambridge</i>	What can we learn about spirituality from epilepsy and Parkinson's Disease?